



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

GORDON F JOSELOFF
First Selectman

February 6, 2013

Connecticut General Assembly
Housing Committee
Room 2700, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: 8-30g – The Affordable Housing Land Use Appeals Act

TO: The Honorable Dante Bartolomeo, The Honorable Larry Butler Co-Chairs, and
members of the Connecticut General Assembly Housing Committee:

As First Selectman of Westport, I am writing to lend my support along with other chief elected officials in the southwestern region to urge your endorsement of several legislative initiatives concerning changes to The Affordable Housing Land Use Appeals Act (8-30g).

Among the bills proposed in your current session there are four which warrant your consideration:

House Bill #5428 – An Act Concerning the Definition of Set-Aside Developments

House Bill #5430 – An Act Concerning the Affordability Term for Affordable
Housing Units

House Bill #5501 – An Act Concerning Penalties for the Illegal Sale or Rental of
Affordable Housing Units

House Bill #5625 – An Act Exempting Certain Municipalities from the Affordable
Housing Land Use Appeals Act

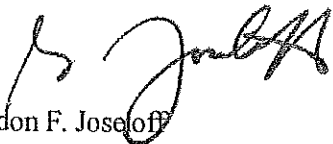
These proposals will address real issues associated with the current law including: 1) assuring that affordable housing, remains affordable in perpetuity; 2) setting the income requirements to insure affordability; 3) imposing stiffer penalties for non-compliance with affordability guidelines; and 4) guiding the location of affordable housing to areas that are compatible with a municipality's housing affordability plan.

The Town of Westport has and continues to make great strides in establishing an environment that is conducive to the establishment of housing opportunities.

Your help in supporting the legislation noted above will aid Westport and towns throughout the state truly achieve the affordable housing goals that 8-30g is designed to foster.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Joseoff', written over the printed name.

Gordon F. Joseoff
First Selectman

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cc: Laurence Bradley, Planning & Zoning Director